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SUBJECT: THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING ON RUBBER,

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3

REF: STATE 44156 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION OFFICER PASSED SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 3 AND 4 OF  
REFTTEL TO LEOPOLD GIUNTI, EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN THE  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHO HAS RECENTLY  
BEEN MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUBBER NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL  
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REPRESENT THE COMMISSION AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN  
GENEVA FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3. GIUNTI WELCOMED THE WILLING-  
NESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERNATIONAL  
COMMODITY AGREEMENT (ICA) ON NATURAL RUBBER ON THE BASIS  
OF THE FOUR GENERAL ELEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTER-  
GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE. HE FELT THAT PARTICIPATION  
BY MAJOR RUBBER PRODUCING AND CONSUMING NATIONS IS A

PREREQUISITE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WHILE AGREEING ON THE NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES, GIUNTI STATED THAT THE EC POSITION ON PROCEDURES TO ASSURE SUCH COORDINATION AND TO CARRY OUT THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE OFFICIALS OF THE MEMBER STATES CONCERNED IN GENEVA EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE FELT THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES SHOULD INITIATE A PRELIMINARY TEXT OF A DRAFT ICA WHICH COULD THEN BE WORKED OUT WITH PRODUCERS INTO A WORKING TEXT, ALBEIT WITH BRACKETS, TO SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

3. GIUNTI SAID THAT THE DESIRABILITY OF CONSUMING-STATE COORDINATION WITHIN THE OECD FRAMEWORK, WOULD PROBABLY BE DECIDED BY THE MEMBER STATES IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK. WHILE THE PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATES WOULD ALSO COORDINATE THEIR POSITION ON THE SCHEDULE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE US WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THE END OF 1978 IN VIEW OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATING SESSION IN AUGUST, 1978, WHICH WOULD BE HARD FOR THE EC.

4. GIUNTI SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATING VIEWS WITH THE US DELEGATION EARLY ON HIS ARRIVAL IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK. HINTON

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